

**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn[Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov]  
**From:** McGrath, Shaun  
**Sent:** Fri 8/14/2015 6:27:27 PM  
**Subject:** Re: JIC ACTION: BOULDER DAILY CAMERA: DEADLINE NOON TODAY (8/14)

Just talked to Spense. Good conversation.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2015, at 12:08 PM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn <[Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov)> wrote:

Shaun:

I wanted to be sure you saw this request. Spense just called me and said he has known you personally for many years and really wanted to give you a chance to comment on the yellow highlighted piece below before this goes to print. His deadline was noon today but he said if you have any comments, and can reach him by 1:00 pm today, he can incorporate them into his piece. Spense:

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If there's anything I can help on from this end, please let me know.

Laura Jenkins

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**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 11:06 AM

**To:** Press; Lee, Monica

**Subject:** JIC ACTION: BOULDER DAILY CAMERA: DEADLINE NOON TODAY (8/14)

Request by Spense Havlick for comment from Shaun on draft article in Boulder Daily Camera.

Deadline noon today.

Spense can be reached via email or cell: 303-494-0664

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**From:** Williams, Caroline

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 10:30 AM

**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn

**Subject:** FW: ...Dear Shaun... editorial for the Daily Camera ... greetings Shaun,

FYI...

**From:** Brogden, Rose **On Behalf Of** R8EISC

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 9:01 AM

**To:** Williams, Caroline

**Cc:** R8EISC

**Subject:** Fw: ...Dear Shaun... editorial for the Daily Camera ... greetings Shaun,

**From:** Brogden, Rose on behalf of R8EISC  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 3:00 PM  
**To:** Spenser W Havlick  
**Cc:** R8EISC; Press  
**Subject:** Re: ...Dear Shaun... editorial for the Daily Camera ... greetings Shaun,

Hello,

The US EPA has prepared the following guidance:

Thank you for contacting the Region 8 Environmental Information Services Center. Local and national media inquiries about the Gold King Mine release can now be sent to [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov). We have copied [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov) on this response to you so they are aware of your request. We also have a phone line in our Joint Information Center staffed by press officers. The phone number is 970-812-3351.

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**From:** Spenser W Havlick <[havlick@colorado.edu](mailto:havlick@colorado.edu)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 3:30 AM  
**To:** R8EISC  
**Cc:** Spenser W Havlick  
**Subject:** Re: ... editorial for the Daily Camera ... greetings Shaun,

Dear Shaun,

I know you are busy but I want to give you a chance to comment on my Boulder Daily Camera draft (Animas River), please.

Call if easier.....3

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Spense

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On Aug 12, 2015, at 2:03 PM, R8EISC wrote:

Email: [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov)

Aug. 12, 2015

2:00 PM MDT: EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy Holding Media Availability in

Durango, CO

DURANGO, CO - EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy will visit Durango, CO today to inspect response efforts relating to the release of waste water from Gold King mine, and meet with state, local and tribal officials and community members. McCarthy will hold a media availability in Durango for credentialed news media only about the response. Tomorrow, Administrator McCarthy will visit the response efforts in Farmington, NM. More details about the visit will be released as they become available.

WHEN: 2:00 PM MTN

WHO: EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy

WHAT: Administrator McCarthy media availability on the unified response to the Gold King Mine incident.

WHERE: Outside Gold King Mine Unified Command Center  
2500 Main. Ave.  
Durango, CO 81301

NOTE: The media availability in Durango will take the place of today's media conference call.

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From: Spenser W Havlick <[havlick@colorado.edu](mailto:havlick@colorado.edu)>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 7:31 PM  
To: R8EISC  
Cc: Spenser W Havlick  
Subject: greetings Shaun,

Spense Havlick is writing a brief editorial for the Daily Camera and would like a brief comment. Spense would like to give EPA the benefit of doubt as he covers this story. Most useful from Shaun would be thoughts on best possible mitigation for the Animas (and Navajo Nation, etc.) and how to prevent future acid mine contamination in Region 8.

Best regards to Shaun from Boulder city council colleague.

This is Spense Havlick writing.....

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